

The Middletown Transcript

Mails Close as Follows.
Going North—7:25 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 4:05 p. m., 6:25 p. m.
Going South—7:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 8 p. m.
For Odessa—7:50 a. m., 5:30 p. m., 11:30 a. m., 4:50 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 9:30 a. m., and 4:40 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JUNE 10, 1911.

LOCAL NEWS

Wagons and Dearborns for sale.
J. C. GREEN.
The best steaks, roasts, lamb and veal, at W. C. Jones's.

HIDES WANTED.—The highest cash prices paid for horse and cow hides.
W. C. JONES.

WANTED.—Cattle to pasture after May 1st, at \$1.00 per month. Address: R. S. CARPENTER, Port Penn, Del.

FOR SALE.—Three good farm horses for sale. Apply to W. W. ALLEN & SON, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

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J. C. GREEN.

After June first, the Library hours will be:—Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30; Fridays 7 to 8:30; Saturdays, 9 to 5 P. M.

WANTED.—Several carpenters once Apply to JOHN & WILSON, WARWICK, MD.

SINGLE COMB BROWN LEGHORN Eggs \$1.00 per setting.
T. E. CLAYTON, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

WANTED.—\$4,500 at 5 per cent. on farm mortgage 150 acres, well located. Address, Box 98, Middletown, Del.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.
FRESH AND SALT FISH at my store at W. C. JONES.

WANTED.—\$4,500 at 5 per cent. on farm mortgage 150 acres, well located. Address, Box 98, Middletown, Del.

A meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in the Town Council Chamber on Monday evening next, June 12, at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

"We have stored in our Warehouse at MIDDLETOWN and BEAR, DELAWARE, Fertilizer for all Spring Crops by bag or ton. Send along your TRAMS." Phones 54 and 48 JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

Children's Day will be observed in the M. E. Church at Seaford, Md., Sunday evening at eight o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged for this occasion.

The Rev. Francis H. Moore will preach in the Armstrong's Chapel on tomorrow (Sunday) at 2:30 o'clock. On Sunday, July 16th, Children's Day will be observed in the chapel at the same hour.

You had better have that winter suit and overcoat cleaned before you put it away. I have the agency for the best dyeing and cleaning establishment in the east. Prices as low as any that do high class work.

ROBT. B. JONES.

Mrs. Maggie Cochran, Mr. L. F. Schreitz and Mr. J. J. Jones Northrup; have beautified their properties on Crawford street, by having cement pavements laid.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending June 1st: Mrs. Salie Huff (Dead Letter), Dr. G. H. Benton, Mr. and Mrs. John Wright.

The Lawn Fete given on the lawn of Bethesda M. E. Church on Friday evening last was a success, the net proceeds being about \$50, which is to be applied to the general funds of the Sabbath school.

Children's Day exercises were held in Rehoboth M. E. Church at Seaford, Md., last Sunday evening. A pleasing program was well rendered, consisting of recitations by the school. The music was especially fine.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in the Forest Presbyterian Church on to-morrow (Sunday) morning and the Session will meet at 10:15 o'clock to receive those desiring to unite with the church.

There was only a quarter of an inch of rain during the month of May up to six o'clock on the last day of the month. The rain for the whole month including the last day only amounted to seventy one-hundredths of an inch.

Farmers in this section of the country will suffer a loss which will reach many thousands of dollars because of the prolonged drought, which has just been broken. This is the opinion of many prominent farmers who have been talking to on the subject. Not for many years has there been such a dry April and May, and as a result crops of practically all kinds have been damaged.

A Stabbing Affair

On Monday afternoon Joseph Rhodes, brother to the young man who with Herman Turpin beat and robbed old man Robinson some weeks ago, but who fled and was not caught, attacked a colored man named James Davis in front of the National Hotel and in the melee sent a small pocket knife into Davis' back, though not seriously injuring him. Officer Hilyard arrested him on a warrant and after a hearing before Squire Cox he was held in \$200 bail to the next term of Court and in default of his bail was sent to the workhouse on Tuesday. Davis was discharged, it appearing from the evidence that he acted solely in self-defense.

Richard Johnson got "nosed out" on "Whelan Monday" and was fined \$2 as a plain drunk by the Squire.

St Anne's Anniversary

The annual anniversary and reunion services in Old St. Ann's Protestant Episcopal Church, near town, will be held this year the third Sunday in June, the 18th inst., instead of the second Sunday, as has been the custom heretofore. Arrangements have not yet been fully completed, but the services will be most interesting, as to preaching and music.

Real Estate Sales

E. H. Beck Real Estate Broker has sold the farm belonging to Frank Elliott near Kirkwood containing 154 acres to J. Walter Davis of near Dover for \$6500.00. Also sold the farm belonging to Edward McAllister near Newport containing 133 acres to Harry Isaac for \$5,000.00.

LIBRARY'S TENTH BIRTHDAY

The Occasion Will be Observed as "Donation Day"

The Middletown Public Library will today celebrate its tenth birthday. The day will be observed as "Donation Day" when it is hoped that every friend of the library will make a donation, if only a small one. The members of the library committee have worked hard to place the library on a sure foundation and they feel justified in asking for a donation in token of good will to the library from the people of the town. This is the first library ever started in Middletown which has lived and prospered for ten years and the committee feels justly proud of it.

The first library in Middletown in the recollection of the present inhabitants was in the old academy, but it is not certain if it was a public library or a school library. The "boys" of some fifty and sixty years ago knew only that there was a library in the building. At the time of the organization of the next library, a meeting was held in the Sunday School room of Forest Presbyterian Church, by a number of interested persons, with Mr. Edward Reynolds chairman of the meeting. They secured funds to start the library and Mr. Reynolds went to Philadelphia to buy the books. The library was opened in a room on the third floor of the Opera House, and after a time was removed to a room in the house now occupied by Mrs. H. V. Parvis, this room being Mrs. Green's office. Later it was removed to Mr. D. L. Donning's store, from which place the books became scattered and lost.

Some years later, the members of the Irving Lyceum collected money and bought books for a library, to be known as the Irving Lyceum Library. They had no regular librarian and in time, this library also became a thing of the past.

In 1901, a number of ladies decided that they could and would have a public library in this town—and when a woman makes up her mind to do anything, nothing on earth can stop her. With one hundred dollars and several gifts of books, these women opened the Middletown Public Library on June 10th, 1901, in a room on North Broad street. There were about one hundred each paying \$1.00 per year membership fee. One year later, the library was removed to the room over the postoffice which it now occupies.

There are now 1005 volumes in the library, of which 976 are fiction; 661 history, biography and miscellaneous; 144 children's books; and 124 good books of different kinds formerly part of the Irving Lyceum Library and which were given to the library after the death of Dr. T. H. Gilpin, who had them in his possession for a number of years. In the library are a Webster's New International Dictionary and a set of Chambers Encyclopedia. Stoddard's Lectures have been read and re-read and a gift of "Maker's of Literature" was much appreciated. The committee purpose sending about fifty dollars for new books during the summer months, and all who will may for the nominal fee of one dollar, enjoy this feast of literature.

BETHESDA CHURCH NOTES

Next Sunday is Children's Day at Bethesda. In the morning special exercises by the Primary School at 10:30 o'clock, and at 7:30 P. M., the main school will celebrate. In addition to our local musicians the school has engaged Mr. Harry P. Shapley of Smyrna, violinist, and Mr. Eugene Chase of New Castle, cornetist, to assist them. As both are excellent, the organ has just been retained, the music ought to prove quite enjoyable.

Rev. W. D. Parry, pastor of Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church of Smyrna, will be present and make the principal address. All will want to hear this forceful pulpit orator on his first visit to this community. Immediately preceding the morning service, at 10:15 o'clock, there will be held a baptismal service for such infants as may be desired. Parents having infants for whom they desire baptism are requested to have them promptly present at the hour named.

The first Quarterly Conference of this Conference year will be held Wednesday next, at 3 P. M., in the church parlor. At the meeting of the Boy Scouts on Monday evening last, four new names were recorded, making a total of twenty-one.

Sometime during the rattle and patter of Monday night's tempest, somewhere probably, between 1 and 2 o'clock, the door of Mr. C. S. Custer was entered by a burglar who smashed the window-half of one his doors, sash and all, and then lifted up the bar and entered the room. The thief or thieves stole 9 hams and about 40 pounds of provisions.

Mr. Johnson, whose shop is next door, heard about one o'clock a noise that gave the matter no further attention. No clues have been found to the thief.

Keifer Pears Affected
That the Keifer pear orchards throughout the State are badly affected with some disease has been manifest for some time to the large growers. Prof. McCue, of Delaware College, has just inspected many diseased orchards and gave "Body Blight" as the cause. He did not suggest any remedy or preventive other than that heavy fertilizing might be beneficial. Many growers are fearful that the blight may eventually compel them to dig out their entire orchards.

Town Tax Rate \$1.00
At a meeting of the Town Board, on Wednesday evening, the tax rate for the year 1911 was fixed at \$1.00. Last year the rate was \$1.25, and many of our taxpayers will be gratified to learn of this reduction.

CURRENT PRICES
MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY E. R. FOARD.
Wheat—No. 1 .88 CASH
Yellow, shelled 58
Timothy Seed 16.00
Clover Seed 10.30
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. C. CONNELLEY.
Eggs, per doz. 17c
Butter, per lb. 24c
Creamery Butter, per lb. 26c
Lard, per lb. 10c
Live Chickens, per lb. 15c
Potatoes, 35

OUR FRIENDS AND VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Known

Miss Eliza Green is visiting friends near Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. J. C. Stites is visiting friends at Johnstown, Pa.

Mrs. Rosa Weber spent several days this week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Paul B. Messick is entertaining her two sisters of Philadelphia.

Miss Goldie Vossell spent Sunday with her parents near Port Penn.

Judge H. G. Conrad, of Georgetown, was the guest of friends here last Sunday.

Misses Leah and Miriam Berkman spent several days with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Lena V. Stites spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. James D. Davis, near Seaford, Md.

Mrs. J. B. Bender has returned home after spending several days with friends in Milford.

Miss Mildred Patton, of Philadelphia, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Mary B. Nowland.

Miss Lillian M. Budd, of Wilmington, was the guest of friends here over last Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Alexander Wamley and family, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. McWhorter.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders Dillon and son, Roy, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Fournace.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis D. Holmes, of Trenton, N. J., spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. Joseph A. Soudan.

Meers. Emory Hukill and James Lockwood left on Saturday for a canoe trip on the Susquehanna River.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Linkline and daughter, of Washington, D. C., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Beck.

Miss Lydia (L. Ellison) entertained a number of friends at Five Hundred at her home on Cass street, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Lola Ingram who has been at Rehoboth for the past two weeks, has accepted a position as pianist at the Casino for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Ellison, of Mt. Pleasant, celebrated their wedding anniversary last Sunday by giving a dinner to a number of friends.

Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd and Mrs. Charles A. Ritchie have been spending the past week in New York, the guests of Miss Elizabeth Collins.

George Janvier, who has been in Washington, D. C. for some time, spent last Sunday with his family here and attended the Drawers reunion.

Rupert M. Bursan has been officially notified to report at Annapolis for work at the Naval Academy at nine o'clock on Friday morning, June 10th.

Miss Corrine C. Hardestad, of East Orange, N. J., spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Cochran, on Crawford street.

Some of the many friends of Mrs. John A. Jolls gave her a handkerchief shower as a surprise on her birthday last Sunday. Mrs. Jolls received twenty-nine handkerchiefs.

Mr. Frederick Reuter, of Philadelphia, a graduate of the class of 1911, University of Pennsylvania, spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. John E. Cleaver.

Pleasant Card Party
A very pleasant card party was given last Friday evening by Mrs. George L. Townsend Jr., and Miss Mary Hutchins, at the home of Mrs. Townsend on Cochran street. The affair was given in honor of Mrs. May Whaley of Norfolk, Va., who is the guest of Miss Doris B. Price at her home on South Broad street.

The first ladies' prize was won by Miss Doris B. Price and the second by Mrs. Harris B. McDowell. The first gentleman's prize by Mr. E. G. Cook of Wilmington and the second by Mr. H. M. Cazier of Kirkwood.

Among the guests besides the guest of honor were Dr. and John C. Stites, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. McDowell, Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brady, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Elger, Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd, Mrs. Edith Cochran, Miss Doris Price, Miss May Holten, J. Frank Biggs and Fred Crouch of Middletown; Mrs. L. G. Steiner, of New Castle; Miss Helen Townsend, Miss Mary Townsend, of Odessa; H. M. Cazier, of Kirkwood and E. G. Cook, of Wilmington.

The Sewing Circle
The Sewing Circle held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gill, in "Middle Neck." The trip was made on a straw ride, and after spending a delightful evening and partaking of refreshments, they returned home.

The present members are: Mrs. E. A. Goldborough, Miss Elsie A. Jones, Ada Scott, Lena Dutton, Jeannette Schreitz, Mary Kumpel, Prudence Lewis, Louise Eichenhofer, Florie Bloome, Mary Richards, Lena Weber, Mary Beaton, Lulu Vinyard, William Beaton, Mr. and Atwell.

Will Give Dance
The graduating class of the Middletown High School will give a dance to their friends in the New Century Club room on Monday evening, June 19th. Sewell House of Summit Bridge will furnish the music.

The Class Day exercises will be held on Thursday evening, June 15th in the Assembly room at the school room and the Commencement exercises on Friday evening, June 16th, in the Opera House.

Prof. Schmoeker of West Chester Normal School will make the address on Friday evening and the High School pupils will furnish the music.

Gave Bridge Party
Mrs. F. B. Watkins gave a delightful bridge party to a large number of her lady friends and acquaintances at her home in Odessa, Tuesday afternoon last.

Those present from a distance were: Mrs. John Stupin, of Trenton, N. J., and Miss May Whaley, of Norfolk, Va. Mrs. William P. Miffin and Miss Spruance, of Philadelphia; Mrs. E. J. Ford, of East Orange, N. J. The first prize was won by Mrs. J. C. Stites; the second by Mrs. W. B. Biggs and the consolation prize by Mrs. G. Lindsey Cochran.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF OLD DRAWERS

203d Anniversary of Its Founding and 16th of Its "Friends Held at That Historic Spot on Sunday, June 4th

BEAUTIFUL SCENERY—BIG CROWDS—INTERESTING ADDRESSES

A field day was the 19th annual meeting of the "Friends of Old Drawers" at the historic edifice on the "Apocynum" known as "Old Drawers" Church.

The weather was more than propitious. It was ideally perfect in every detail of temperature, sunshine and cooling breezes, while the rainfall of the Saturday night before gave the added delight of a dustless highway.

Consequently one of the largest gatherings ever known, assembled at that beautiful spot on Sunday last. About 150 carriages were present and 10 or 12 automobiles—in all, fully 500 or 600 persons present from various parts of the State and from other states. The program of the morning forming with later arrivals, the audience of the afternoon. The morning exercises which were wholly of a religious character, were in charge of Rev. Francis H. Moore, D. D. pastor of the Forest Presbyterian Church of Middletown, in the stead of the pastor of the Drawers Presbyterian Church in Odessa, who was absent.

The venerable old church, nicely painted and repaired, was prettily dressed inside in wild flowers and plants. Just behind the old fashioned high pulpit with its sounding board above, surmounted by a gilded dove, is a square window whose panes were filled with living ferns, while on either side of the pulpit on the window sills and in front of it, were large bouquets of snowy laurel blooms—all brought from the adjacent woods.

Nature's feathered chorists were chirping and singing in the woods and fields not a dozen rods away, and even as one sat in the church the cawing of the crows high overhead could be heard. The dark green of the wooded hill behind; and the sheen of the winding creek, moving in serpentine coils amid the dark masses of laurel and spatterdock; the waving wheat fields across the way—all this sylvan scene was the setting for the handsome old church, as stout and staunch, neat and prim as though built yesterday, and not almost 140 years ago! Well may the distinguished Rev. George Foot, the long time pastor and historian of Drawers say that "in materials and workmanship it is a noble monument of the fidelity of the building committee and of the affection of that generation for the decency and order of divine worship." Save for some insect ravages within, even the woodwork of the stately edifice is as sound as the day that saw its first erection.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. Sypherd, Mrs. Aaron Marshall, Mr. Barton, Mr. Huston A. Culbreth, Mr. M. J. Jones and wife, Judge Boyce and wife, Judge James Penwell and wife, Mr. Frank R. Pool and wife, Clarence Pool and wife, Howard A. Pool and wife, A. H. Donovan and wife, Mrs. Anna Moore, Joseph Simpson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaw Mr. and Mrs. Lester Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. Woods, Mr. John Webb and wife, Mr. Leonard G. Vandegrift and family, Mr. Eugene Shallock, Mr. James Ginn and family, Mr. John O'Leary and family, of McDonough; Mr. William McCrone and family, Mr. P. Vandegrift, Mr. John Deel and wife, Mr. Henry Cleaver, Mr. William Reybold, Mr. Henry Rose, Mr. Wilkinson, Misses Emma and Julia Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson, of Delaware City.

Mr. Wm. F. Sellers in his auto from Edgemoor, Mr. Richard Sellers, in an auto from Philadelphia. In another auto were Messrs Leonard W. Lovett, Delaware Lovett, Bayard Vandegrift, Chas. H. Davis, and Miss Marion Davis and Miss Helen Berkeley, of Elkton, Md., all from Newark; Lt. Governor John Mendenhall, Mr. J. D. Bush Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tatnall, John P. Hyatt, Judge H. C. Conrad from Wilmington; Judge H. L. Rice; Col. H. Hunter, Capt. L. S. Ryan and Lt. Herman Zornig of Fort Dupont; Rev. J. M. Arters, Mr. Dan Cochran, Mr. R. R. Cochran Mr. Joseph Hanson, Mr. Frank Biggs, Mr. W. J. Wilson, Dr. Chas. A. Ritchie in his auto; Mrs. J. F. Deakney, Mr. Jefferson B. Foard, Miss Hester Jones Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Biggs, Rev. E. H. Moore, Mr. Merritt N. Willis and party in his auto, Dr. D. W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. George Derrickson, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Bragdon from Middletown; Mr. John G. Armstrong, Lee Sparks, Mr. L. V. Aspril, Mr. Daniel Corbit, Miss Spruance, Mr. J. G. Brown, Mrs. George L. Townsend Sr. Mr. J. L. Gibson, Mr. Elias N. Moore, from Odessa; Mr. Geo. M. D. Hart and Mr. D. B. Maloney of Townsend; Mr. Wilmer Staats and wife of Thoroughfare Neck, Mr. Eugene Davis, of Smyrna. Many of the above came in autos.

The speaker then for over an hour made a masterly presentation and review of the eminent services of the great Presbyterian Church to the cause of religion and its Church to the cause of civilization.

Christ, standing for his text Ephesians 3:1, the 20th and 21st verses, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto Him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

It was a noble sermon filled with sound Christian doctrine, most earnestly and eloquently presented. The Doctor, through using manuscript is a rarely effective speaker somewhat managing to get across his message, though he was addressing them entirely extempore.

In his prayer after the sermon he touchingly asked a blessing upon his aged correspondents, Mrs. Harriet Moore.

During the noon intermission scores of visitors scattered over the clean sward, and some on tables extemporized for the time, others on table cloths spread upon the grass, others again in carriage or auto, prepared their luncheon.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, Dr. Roberts read the 11th Chapter of Hebrews and again he was sung. Then Mr. Daniel W. Corbit, president of the "Friends of Old Drawers" association took charge of the exercises for the afternoon. He read from some printed minutes the history and objects of the Society to preserve inviolate the venerable tombs of the fathers, the sacred old church itself, to gather and record old traditions, stories, legends and other historical matter about the old days and the forefathers, their families &c.

Then after a brief speech of welcome to those present, he introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Chief Justice Penwell.

He announced as the subject of his address "The Desire For A Change", where in after referring to the universal unrest everywhere manifest in State and Nation—thought it unreasonable needless, &c.—he discussed some of the political problems of the hour, the initiative, the referendum, and especially the recall, which he

AN EXPERIMENT IN ALFALFA

Big Crop From Bacteria Inoculated Soil—Cheap Phosphate

Mr. Fred Brady is always abreast of the times in every—certainly in agriculture, good roads, education &c. He is now making an interesting experiment—one that is a highly useful object lesson to every farmer bringing milk to the creamery—in growing alfalfa with bacteria inoculated soil.

On a 5 1/2 acre lot in the rear of the creamery when sowing some alfalfa seed, he drilled in 250 and 500 pounds on different parts of the tract, and on a third portion none at all, of fine dry dirt taken from an old and very good alfalfa field in Maryland.

Where he used the microbe infected soil the alfalfa crop was three or four times as heavy as where he used none. The result, also, showed this interesting and useful fact, that nothing is gained by using too much bacteria soil; the 250 pound tract returned as good a yield as the 500. This feature is in keeping with results elsewhere obtained as to the amount necessary to be used.

The entire tract had been previously treated alike so far as time, manure &c., is concerned, so that this wonderful result is due wholly to the presence on the inoculated—i. e. dirt sowed tract—of the "nitrogen fixers" contained in the borrowed soil. The first cutting gave 2 tons of alfalfa 1 1/2 inches, one bolt holding them at the slanted peak and four bolts one on the lower middle of each leg, through four hole pieces which run horizontally across the four uprights. It all folds up like a solid bundle not more than a foot square, and costs only 25 cents to make, by the hundred. Every farmer should look into this experiment—it is cheap phosphate that—dirt your neighbor will give you for nothing, and only screening and a little sunlight necessary to drill it like \$65.00 phosphate! It is literally a "dirt cheap" fertilizer.

He also exhibited on the tract a simple, cheap and very useful tool for drying the green stuff quickly—often an important matter to the farmer—a collapsible rack made of four 7 foot uprights sawed out of bull pine 1 1/2 inches, one bolt holding them at the slanted peak and four bolts one on the lower middle of each leg, through four hole pieces which run horizontally across the four uprights. It all folds up like a solid bundle not more than a foot square, and costs only 25 cents to make, by the hundred. Every farmer should look into this experiment—it is cheap phosphate that—dirt your neighbor will give you for nothing, and only screening and a little sunlight necessary to drill it like \$65.00 phosphate! It is literally a "dirt cheap" fertilizer.

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THE LATE A. B. CROWE

BY GEORGE EDWARD STREETER

He walked into the office of the information bureau with the air of a man having something on his mind which he desired to dispose of quickly.

Is the manager in? he asked shortly and in a tone which made the girl at the counter open her eyes in surprise.

No, sir; but will you see the assistant?

Well, I dunno! I want to see the boss, but p'raps the other one'll do, replied the caller.

Yes, sir, said the mild-mannered Robert Pickett, the company's chief clerk, as he approached the counter.

Are you the man who said A. B. Crowe was dead? demanded the stranger.

No, sir; not yet, replied the clerk with a half-smile on his face.

This is no laughing matter—not by a jugful, rejoined the caller, his eyes fairly ablaze.

I don't understand you, interrupted the young man. Please explain.

Well, if you didn't, who did say Crowe was dead?

I'm sure I don't know; I'll give it up.

Not on your life; no, sirree, you don't give it up, and I ain't goin' to give it up, either. You show me the reporter who said Crowe was a dead one, shouted the visitor.

I want to see him, he added significantly.

And who are you, sir? What is your name? asked Pickett in his usual soft, even tone, which seemed only to add fuel to the other's wrath.

My name? he exclaimed. Why, my name is Crowe—Arthur Benjamin Crowe. That's what my name is. I am Crowe, and I ain't dead, d'ye see?

Too bad, rejoined the clerk; and then, before the stranger could speak again, he added: That's all right, Mr. Crowe—you're not dead.

Of course I'm not; that's what brings me here. Dead! No, no, indeed! If I was dead, I wouldn't have come—would I?

Hardly, agreed Pickett, who began to doubt the sanity of his visitor. Don't you worry Mr. Crowe; I'll vouch for you not being dead, if necessary. Is that all?

No that's not all. You people said I was dead, and I want an apology published in every paper in this city, or there's goin' to be pecks of trouble.

Don't you believe it. You're mistaken. Trouble comes to most people after they are dead.

To put such an item in the papers would be stupid. That would be poor advertising. What is your line of business?

I'm a baker, and have been doin' business right here in this city for over ten years; and now, after all this time for your reporter to send out information that I was dead—

Why, it's awful. It's hurt me a whole lot, and I demand an apology—so I do.

Banker Crowe took off his hat, mopping his brow; for he had grown very red in the face, and very hot all over.

At that moment the manager entered the office, and Pickett signaled to him, introducing Crowe.

Mr. Thomas, this is A. B. Crowe, who claims we reported he was dead, and he has called to deny it.

Of course, I deny it, chimed in Crowe; and you fellows will have to apologize in every paper of this city.

Won't you step into my private office, Mr. Crowe? Let us talk this thing over.

The two men entered the manager's room.

All the reports ever written regarding Crowe were called for; and, upon being examined, it was found that nothing had ever been issued to the effect that he had gone to his reward. But the irate baker was not satisfied.

Why ask them if one of your fool reporters didn't tell them that I was dead?

What's the use, my friend? I am willing to take your word for it that you are alive. Now let it go at that: You must excuse me, for I'm very busy this morning.

Not on yer life, by chiming! shouted the now thoroughly angry man. No, sirree! You phone Jones & Small, or there'll

be trouble for you and the whole bloomin' outfit!

To appease him, Mr. Thomas did call up the grocery firm, whose bookkeeper stated that he had been asked by one of the bureau's reporters if he knew that Crowe was dead.

And then what? asked the manager.

Well, I hadn't heard of his death; so I sent a clerk out to his shop, and while he was gone Crowe walked into the warehouse. I told him I heard he was dead.

And that made him mad, I suppose.

And then you told him to come up here, did you? queried the manager.

Well, he continued, how much does Crowe owe you now?

About eight hundred. How much of it overdue?

Probably five hundred. Why don't you make him pay it?

Easier said than done, Mr. Thomas. He's awfully slow. Suppose I collect it for you?

Wish you would, sir; we'd like to close the account.

Coming out of the telephone-booth, Mr. Thomas continued to talk with the baker.

Now, look here, Crowe. I am convinced you are not dead. We never said you were dead, and we don't want you to die. Jones & Small misunderstood our reporter.

That's no good, broke in Crowe. You must apologize in the papers, or I'll sue you, and there'll be a whole lot of trouble.

He rose from his chair in his excitement.

I don't think so, replied the manager, as he touched a concealed button on his desk, which immediately brought the chief clerk to the door.

Pickett, we've had complaints about Crowe being slow in meeting his obligations, haven't we?

Yes, sir, I've just looked through the Red Book, and find—

Don't go, Mr. Crowe, said the manager, as his visitor edged toward the door. Of course, you would hardly expect us to know all these things, but, my dear man, our work has many sides to it. What did you find, Pickett?

So far as we know he owes to local houses nearly thirteen hundred dollars, and there is seven hundred and eighty dollars of that which is overdue, answered the clerk.

Is that right, Crowe? queried Mr. Thomas.

Blast you people, anyway, replied the baker. You fellows know too much.

Careful friend. Don't talk like that, or maybe there will be other items in the newspaper besides retractions of false deaths.

What are you going to do about settling this indebtedness?

Nothing! You bet your neck—nothing! I'll do nothing!

"Tut, tut! man! That's no way to talk. Let me give you a little advice. Go and pay Jones & Small this afternoon. You owe them about five hundred dollars.

I have told them that you would settle the past due amount. If you fail to do so, to-morrow morning's papers will include among the Court News an item affecting a certain Mr. Crowe, a baker. Now don't disappoint me. Remember.

The two men stood looking each other straight in the eye for a moment.

Good day, Crowe. Go and show your creditors that you are not a dead one. Pay up, and be a man.

The manager offered his hand, which the other hesitatingly took.

The interview was over.

The baker, whose entrance had been somewhat lion-like, left the office as a lamb, and a dumb one at that.

CUPID'S LIGHTNING REPEATS

MILFORD, Del., June 5.—Occupying a position in a local printing office which is regularly said to be struck by matrimonial lightning, and from which position five of her predecessors resigned to become brides within two years, Miss Lulu Dickerson fulfilled the regular order of things by leaving it and being married to Calvin Martin.

The composing room has become noted for its marriages, and when the last woman resigned to be married the long-suffering manager was besieged with applicants. Miss Dickerson obtained the position.

The foreman, on whose shoulders falls the work of training young women compositors, only to lose them, has advertised for a man who wants to be struck by Cupid's arrow, hoping that in his case, if a wedding follows the acceptance of the position, he will stick to the work all the harder.

Young women of the town, however, do not want the job to pass into the hands of any man, and there are any number of coy and bashful Milford misses willing to see what will happen if they take the position.

USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

If knives are spotted, rub them with a cut potato dipped in wood ashes.

Sandwiches made from rye bread are delicious if cut very thin and spread with a mixture of minced olives, Spanish peppers, cream cheese and a little bit of mayonnaise.

Small side dishes, once so numerous, are now used for nothing save perhaps a thin apple or rhubarb sauce. Rarely more than two vegetables are served with a meat course.

Court plaster should never be allowed to completely cover a deep cut. It should be cut into strips and fastened across the wound so that the secretions from it can freely escape.

Emery powder and oil made into a paste is an excellent mixture to clean steel. Rub on well and polish, after which rub with an oiled rag and then polish up again with a clean duster.

When the saucepan in which oatmeal or any other cereal is cooked is emptied, fill it immediately with cold water. By the time the pan is to be used again it will be easy to clean.

To prevent raisins or currants from dropping to the bottom of the pan, first put in a layer of dough without them, and then add the dough to which the raisins, well floured, have been mixed.

Bake good sized long potatoes, scoop out the centers and season with salt and pepper. Refill the shells with a layer of potato then a layer of creamed codfish, heating it up well on top. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve hot.

The bluish cast which comes on finely polished furniture in damp weather may be removed by wiping with lukewarm water in which there is a tablespoonful of ammonia to a gallon of water.

To improve liver, cut slashes in it and thread with thin strips of fat bacon. Season somewhat highly and bake for an hour or more. This is the usual manner of its preparation in France.

Rugs for a kitchen should always be washable, as the grease they accumulate is unspeakable. Good looking mixtures in rug weaves are suitable and far more satisfactory than the custom of some households of using rugs that have grown too shabby for other rooms. A wool rug should be put on the line and well beaten once a week and should be wiped off frequently with soap and water or with a special carpet soap.

Ammonia is excellent cleaner for porcelain, but when dirt and grease demand an extra agent use kerosene. It will do the work thoroughly. Apply with a rag and wash off with warm soapsuds.

If the edge of a linen turnover collar is moistened with glycerine and water after ironing and before folding it over there will be little danger of its cracking. The solution will make the fabric pliable.

For a quickly prepared and dainty dessert put halves of canned pears with some of the syrup into individual dishes, cover the tops with whipped cream and sprinkle with grated coconut or dot with cherries.

The sink, besides daily scrubbing should be wiped out once a day with a cloth wet in kerosene or turpentine to remove lingering stains on the enamel. If the sink is an old-fashioned zinc one it should be rubbed with coal ashes to remove discoloration and later scrubbed with hot soda water. At least once a day pour a good disinfectant or hot soda water down the drain. Keep a box of washing soda on a shelf over the sink and dissolve a lump with the last rinsing water. This is a grease cutter.

Kitchen closets can only be kept in condition by thorough surveillance. There must be no poke holes, no uncovered boxes, nothing to attract insect pests. Have plenty of enameled boxes or use the tin receptacles in which coffee is often sold. In these put cereals, sugar, rice, coffee, salt, breadcrumbs, chocolate, tapioca, hominy and other things that too often are kept in their own packages after they have been opened.

If the entire woodwork of a house is washed every two or three months with ammonia water, and corners and shelves of drawers are sprinkled with powdered borax, insects and bugs of all descriptions will seek a home elsewhere.

When a carpet is to be cleaned it is well to remove all grease spots first. This is best done by scrubbing them well with a clean brush dipped in turpentine, strong soapsuds. When the scrubbing process is finished wipe the spots well with a cloth in ammonia water.

If when drying curtains they are hung double over the line they will not stretch at all.

Ink stains may be removed from wood by washing the spot with a solution of oxalic acid.

Grape fruit rind may be shredded and candied like orange peel, or can be chipped and made into a marmalade.

A tablespoonful of vinegar added to the water in which a fish is boiled tends to whiten the meat and make it firmer.

To clean white marble put a lump of soda about the size of an egg into a pot containing half a pint of water and a teaspoonful of soft soap. Heat it almost to boiling and paint it on the marble while hot. Leave it on a day or two and then wash off with warm water and a clean dannel.

A splendid filling for sofa cushions may be made by taking a dime's worth of cotton batting, cutting it into small squares and heating it in a baking pan in the oven for half an hour, care being taken not to let it scorch. Each little square will puff up to twice its size and will be light and fluffy as a feather.

Cracked porcelain can be admirably mended if it can be tightly tied or clamped together, with edges perfectly dry, and is then boiled for at least an hour in skin milk. Remove the milk from the stove and let the porcelain stay in it until the milk is cold. If this is properly done the pieces will stick firmly together and the crack will be hard to find.

Forest Fires Do Damage
Forest fires are playing havoc to standing timber near Elderside. Last week a spark from a locomotive set fire to a big pile of stored wood and young timber along the Pennsylvania railroad, which destroyed about \$200 worth for Mr. Delan who has equal action against the company to recover.

At Robbins Station, Robert Clendinning suffered over \$1000 loss from the same cause, and a railroad inspector has been on the ground to value the damages. A fire got away from a farmer near Fieatown and destroyed much valuable timber.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the taxes for the year 1910 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of GEORGE W. D. HART, in Townsend, Del.,

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An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

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WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the taxes for the year 1910 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

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MASSIE'S HOTEL, ST. GEORGES, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st, 1911, From 1 to 3 P. M.

AT R. S. SPENCER'S IN PORT PENN, STORE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th, 1911, From 1 to 3 P. M.

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